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METHOD OF USING SAME

Art Unit: 1743

Examiner: A. SODERQUIST

AMENDMENT

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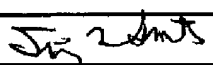
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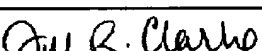
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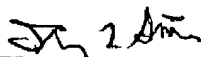
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